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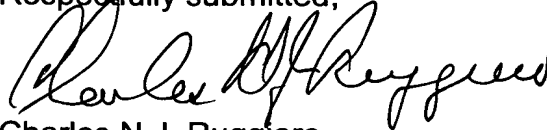
In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

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Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	0 885 351 B1	6/7/00	Europe				X
	0 932 539 B1	5/2/02	Europe				X
	WO 98/15725	4/16/98	PCT				X
	WO 98/35171	8/13/98	PCT				X

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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